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SIX HUNDRED FALL IN BATTLE

GENERAL ESTRADA WINS COMPLETE VICTORY IN NICARAGUA

GOVERNMENT ARMY ROUTED

NINETEEN HUNDRED OF ZELAYA'S SOLDIERS SURRENDER AT RAMA

GEN. GONZALES INCLUDED

AMERICAN WARSHIP SENDS SURGEONS ASHORE TO CARE FOR WOUNDED

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government forces at Rama. A total of six hundred men of both armies were either killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered, including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported among those killed. The fighting occurred yesterday outside the city limits. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons and members of the hospital corps from the cruiser Des Moines to care for the wounded.

A Sweeping Victory.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of the Associated Press dispatches reporting a big victory for the revolutionists in Nicaragua was received today at the navy department from Captain Shipley, of the U. S. Cruiser Des Moines. Captain Shipley says General Estrada, four pieces of field artillery, fifteen hundred rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender. The wounded have been taken to Bluefields, where the hospital facilities are inadequate to meet the demands made upon them by the battle. Zelaya's losses in killed, wounded and captured, Shipley says, total about twenty-six hundred. The telegram states that General Estrada's army on the 20th began a general attack on the government position. The outposts of the Zelaya forces were soon defeated and routed. The fighting continued all day Tuesday. General Vasquez, of the government forces, is a prisoner at Managua, but the cause of his arrest is not known at the state department. Captain Shipley said the Gunboat Eagle is within the harbor and prepared any moment to land its bluejackets, but probably such a course will be unnecessary.

Consul Moffat at Managua wires that 150 prisoners were brought into Bluefields yesterday. They were barefooted, half-starved and mostly young boys. They said they had had little or no food for fifteen days. Consul Moffat says the surrender of 2,600 soldiers of Zelaya's army removes the entire government force from the Atlantic side of the republic.

Madriz Inaugurated

Managua, Dec. 22.—Jose Madriz was inaugurated yesterday as president of Nicaragua. The ceremony was held at the palace instead of the parliament building. Ex-President Zelaya was kept waiting fifteen minutes by Dr. Madriz, who entered the hall accompanied by Julian Irias, minister general. Zelaya, who wore the order of the legion of honor, made a brief speech, saying:

"I entreat the Nicaraguans to rally to the support of President Madriz, who has made a vow for the early termination of the war. I wish to pay a tribute to the ability and integrity

of my successor. I am confident that his administration will be beneficial." No demonstration attended the ceremony but the words of the president were greeted with applause.

Mexico is Satisfied

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—The selection of Dr. Jose Madriz, as president of Nicaragua is looked upon favorably by Mexican officials. Ignacio Mariaca, minister of foreign relations said:

"While Mexico had no candidate for president, Madriz was regarded as a good selection. Senor Madriz has visited Mexico City and we believe him to be a man of prudence and honesty. In addition he is well educated and enjoys the confidence of those who know him, as is evidenced by the fact that he is judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago."

LAND OFFICE OFFICIALS CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Washington, Dec. 22.—The nominations of M. R. Otero to be register and Fred Muller to be receiver of the federal land office at Santa Fe, N. M., and of Manuel Martinez to be receiver and Edward W. Fox to be register of the land office at Clayton, N. M., were reported favorably yesterday afternoon by the committee on public lands. In the absence of the chairman of the committee on judiciary no action has been taken thus far on the nominations of Judge W. H. Pope to be chief justice; Creighton M. Foraker to be U. S. Marshal, or Joseph E. Morrison to be U. S. district Attorney for Arizona, and confirmation will not take place until reconvening of congress in January, after the Christmas holidays.

EXAMINING BRAIN OF A DEAD MILLIONAIRE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—Portions of the brain of George Rhodus, the millionaire, who died a few days ago in a sanatorium here, were taken today to the laboratory of a pathologist by authority of the probate court and his report on the condition of the tissues may have some influence in the disposition of the Rhodus fortune. Alienists have been divided as to whether or not Rhodus was insane since his alleged abduction to Louisville three years ago and his marriage there to a woman of this city known as Elma Dare. The woman's appeal to the Indiana supreme court from the lower courts to set aside the annulment of her marriage on the ground that Rhodus was insane, is now pending.

ROOSEVELT ENJOYS TOUCH OF THE STRENUOUS LIFE

Kampala, British East Africa, Dec. 22.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt put in a very lively day today. He called on Mother Paul, the American mother superior of the convent here, visited the Catholic mission, helped dedicate a wing recently added to the church mission of the society's hospital and took luncheon with Bishop Hanzon. This afternoon he received King David Chwa of Uganda and with the latter attended a dinner given by F. A. Knowles, sub-commissioner. Scientists of the party have already obtained many new specimens of birds and mammals in this vicinity.

BODY OF DEAD MONARCH PLACED IN ROYAL VAULT

Brussels, Dec. 22.—The body of King Leopold II, was placed today in the royal burial vault in the Church of St. Mary at Laeken, the suburban residence of the royal family. The funeral and burial were conducted with all the pomp and ceremony of which the state was capable, despite the wish expressed by the monarch in his will that the obsequies be of the simplest nature. A holiday was proclaimed and thousands of persons filled the streets during the services.

FIVE MINERS INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred in Samples No. 2 coal mine, located three miles from here, at noon today. Five men were injured, two seriously.

A TELEPHONE WEDDING IN TEXAS

CLERGYMAN UNITED COUPLE WHO WERE TWENTY MILES DISTANT

CEREMONY A NOVEL ONE

EACH HELD RECEIVER TO EAR AND ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS

WHY IT WAS NECESSARY

STORM PREVENTED MINISTER FROM REACHING SCENE OF MARRIAGE

Pecos, Tex., Dec. 22.—Rev. H. M. Smith of Pecos, last night performed a wedding ceremony by long distance telephone, uniting in marriage Miss Dorothy Flowers and Kile Lovejoy, who were stationed at a telephone at Toyah, twenty miles away. Each held a receiver to their ear and replied to the questions of the clergyman at the other end of the wire. Then they clasped hands and together heard the minister pronounce them man and wife.

The failure of Rev. Smith to reach Toyah because of a storm which delayed his train, was the cause of the novel ceremony. The contracting couple were adverse to postponing the wedding which had been arranged for to the minutest detail.

The ceremony was the first of its kind in the history of Texas, and perhaps in the southwest.

WILL DISTRIBUTE TWO MILLIONS IN BONUSES

New York, Dec. 22.—The United States Steel corporation will make a Christmas present of more than two million dollars to its officers and employees, according to the official announcement of Chairman Gary made today. Sixty per cent of this will be in cash, and forty per cent in stocks. This distribution is the annual bonus, and is determined by the annual earnings of the company.

NEW MEXICO OFFERS FERTILE FIELD FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Prof. Herbert J. Spinden, formerly professor of Archaeology in Harvard university and now connected with the American Museum of New York City, who arrived in Las Vegas a week ago for the purpose of engaging in research work in this city and its vicinity, returned last night from a few days' trip to the El Porvenir region. Prof. Spinden was interviewed this morning at the Castaneda hotel, where he was a guest, and talked interestingly of his work. He said:

"New Mexico offers one of the most fertile fields imaginable to the student of the native races of America. Here, side by side, and under the same environment, dwell nomadic and sedentary tribes. The Navajo and Apache wandered far and wide for game and the scanty food plants that nature afforded. The Pueblo Indians, long before the advent of Europeans, developed the greater economic possibilities of an agricultural life. Bending nature to their will, they turned the streams over their fields, and made the rich, but dry soil, give abundant harvest. Several valuable sorts of corn, as well as squashes, beans and melons, form the contribution of these people to the present good supply.

"Much impatience is expressed by some people over the backwardness of Indians and the slowness with which they accept the not unmixed blessings of the white man's mode of life. All cannot be changed in a generation. The old people, who do not go to the schools and know only the tried ways of their fathers, act as a drag upon the educated youth. Human nature is the same throughout the world. Yet the plain farmer, the practical business man, remembers how he feels when son or daughter returns from college with new-fangled

ASSASSINS KILL TWO OFFICIALS

CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF BOMBAY PRESIDENCY SHOT DOWN

THEATER SCENE OF TRAGEDY

CHIEF OF THE ST. PETERSBURG SECRET POLICE VICTIM OF BOMB

HIS SLAYER CAPTURED

ENTICED TO REMOTE APARTMENT WHERE HE IS BLOWN TO ATOMS

Bombay, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance last night. The motive for the murder is supposed to have been a wish for revenge upon the magistrate, who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment. Nasik is the hotbed of sedition.

Whatever may have been the immediate motive for the murder of Chief Magistrate Jackson, the outrage cannot fail to increase the ever present fear of an uprising against British rule in India. Attempts have been made against the lives of Lord Minto, Lord Kitchener, Sir Andrew Fraser, lieutenant governor of Bengal, and many other British officials.

Russian Official Killed

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karhoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He was enticed to a modest apartment house remote from the street, near Viborg street and there blow to pieces by a bomb, exploded supposedly by his host, Michel Vosskresensky, who had leased the rooms only a few days before. An assistant of Karhoff's was severely injured. The murderer was captured.

Still Another Victim

Washington, Dec. 22.—An official

dispatch was received by the state department this morning from Bucharest to the effect that the prime minister of Roumania was shot and seriously wounded by a Roumanian anarchist, today.

Korean Premier Stabbed

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded today by a Korean, Yie Chaim Yog.

Premier Yi was formerly minister of education in the Korean cabinet. He became prime minister in May, 1907, when a reconstruction of the cabinet followed a five hour audience that Marquis Ito had with the emperor. He was regarded as a firm and competent officer, but his efforts to carry out the policy of the new administration met with continual opposition from his political advisers.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY CLOSING FOR HOLIDAYS

This afternoon the New Mexico Normal university closed for the holidays. The session will be resumed on Tuesday, January 2. A number of the students will leave this evening and tomorrow for their homes to spend Christmas.

The public schools will have but one day's vacation during the holidays this season, closing tomorrow evening over Christmas. This is made necessary because of the time lost as a result of the closing of the schools some weeks ago due to the prevalence of a contagious disease. The public schools will resume on Monday next as usual.

BUSINESS MEN WILL ADDRESS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent Rufus Meade of the public schools has arranged with the business men of Las Vegas for the delivery of a number of lectures on the factors necessary for success in life. These lectures will be given about once a month during the school year and will no doubt be of great interest and value to the school children of Las Vegas. Attorney Jones will be one of the first speakers and will take as his subject "Choosing a Vocation." Rev. J. E. Moore will talk on "Courtesy"; Dr. E. B. Shaw, "Health"; District Attorney C. W. G. Ward, "Keeping Up With the Times," and Rev. E. C. Anderson "Patriotism."

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE SUFFERS COSTLY FIRE

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 22.—Fire early this morning destroyed the south wing of Santa Clara college, located three miles from here. The wing contained three valuable reference libraries and the largest collection of sacred relics on the Pacific coast, all of which were destroyed. A portion of the burned building was erected in 1818. Later it was discovered that many priceless relics had escaped destruction. These included some early mission documents and statuary.

SALOONKEEPER'S FRIENDS WANT HIM PARDONED

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 22.—Another chapter was today added to the case of Carl Leopold, committed to jail in a two-year-old sentence for selling liquor to minors, when a petition bearing a long list of signatures of prominent business men was sent to Governor Curry asking for Leopold's pardon. The petition is based on the claim that the commitment was issued without just cause. Leopold's sentence is for sixty days.

POOR OF WEST SIDE WILL BE REMEMBERED

The clerks in the large emporium of the Romero Mercantile company were busy today putting up one thousand packages, consisting of apples, oranges, candy, notions and toys, which Don Margarito Romero distributes among the poor people of the West side each Christmas. Mr. Romero makes many souls happy who otherwise would probably never know the happiness of Christmas.

PRESIDENT TAFT ORDERS A SWEEPING INVESTIGATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Jones, of Washington, who yesterday read in the senate, Secretary Richard A. Ballinger's letter, asking for a committee to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, and Representative Humphreys, of Washington, had a long talk with President Taft today. As a result of this conference

WARRINER PLEADS GUILTY

THIEVING RAILROAD OFFICIAL GETS SIX YEAR SENTENCE

STOLE TOTAL OF \$640,000

HINTED THAT FORMER BIG FOUR TREASURER CACHED PART OF MONEY

TRIAL OF HIS ACCOMPLICE

WOMAN IN CASE MUST ANSWER FOR CRIME OF BLACKMAIL

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner, the deposed local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement today and was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary.

Of the \$640,000 which Warriner was charged with stealing from the Big Four railroad, less than half that sum has been accounted for by him. There have been many stories circulated that he has secreted part of the money, but these have not been verified.

The trial of Mrs. Jeanette Stewart, the woman in the case, has been set for Monday. She is charged with blackmail and receiving stolen goods.

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One of the principal points brought out several times during the afternoon by Professor Campbell and which he emphasized very strongly, was that the crust which forms immediately below the dust mulch must be kept broken up by disking and harrowing in order to prevent partial or complete crop failures. Another point on which he laid great stress was the fact that in the original breaking the soil condition is obtained by turning the sod over flat and harrowing the surface while the ground is still moist. This he left, leaving the earth in condition for production of the best results. He closed his remarks by stating that on his farm in this section two or three years ago he was confident that good crops could be grown by following the principles which he advocated. Since that time he has visited practically all parts of the semi-arid region, and has made further and more complete investigations than ever and is more firmly convinced that there is no chance for a crop failure where the ground has been properly prepared by summer tilling and proper handling when the seed has been planted.

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It was said that on January 1, Senator Jones and Representative Humphreys would introduce in the senate and house resolutions calling for a joint investigation of the widest possible scope. The Forestry service is to be included in the resolution along with the interior department and the general land office.